

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Nezar A. Gharbia et al.
Serial No.: 09/658,823
Filing Date: September 8, 2000
Examiner Mitra Kianersi
Group Art Unit: 2145
Confirmation No: 2871
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING
RELIABILITY OF AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING**

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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION
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For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Mitra Kianersi, for confirmation that the references listed on the PTO-1449 forms attached to the Information Disclosure Statements filed on the following dates have been considered:

May 30, 2002
June 27, 2003

On the dates listed in the first paragraph on page 1 of this document, Applicants filed Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) with PTO-1449 forms attached, listing the references submitted for consideration. Copies of the cited references were also included.

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The Information Disclosure Statements were received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the dates listed in the first paragraph on page 1 of this document as shown on the returned, date-stamped postcards, copies of which are attached. For the convenience of the Examiner, copies of the Information Disclosure Statements and the cited references filed on the dates listed in the first paragraph on page 1 of this document are enclosed.

An Office Action for this application was mailed on March 24, 2006. However, Examiner Mitra Kianersi has not returned copies of the PTO-1449 forms indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statements filed on the dates listed in the first paragraph on page 1 of this document listed.

Accordingly, **Applicants hereby request confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statements.** Examiner Mitra Kianersi is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 forms to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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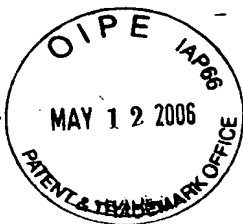


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Dear Sir:

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants are enclosing copies of several documents which may be material to examination of the present application.

More specifically, Applicants are submitting a copy of a PCT Search Report (PCT/ISA/220 and 210), which was issued on May 3, 2002 by the European Patent Office (EPO) in a PCT application that corresponds directly to the present U.S. application. The PCT Search Report cites four documents, and

a copy of each is enclosed. Each of these four enclosed documents is also listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under 37 CFR \$1.97(b), or in other words prior to mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due for filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

In addition, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within thirty days after issuance of the PCT Search Report, in order to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR \$1.704(d). More specifically, and since the PCT application designates other countries and the PCT Search Report was issued by the EPO, it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in \$1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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Favorable consideration of the present application
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Respectfully submitted,
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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants are enclosing copies of several documents which may be material to examination of the present application. In this regard, the present application is related to several other U.S. applications (as evident from a previously-filed Information Disclosure Statement). A number of documents have recently been cited in some of these related applications, and Applicant is enclosing a copy of each such document which is not already of record in the present

application. Each of the enclosed documents is listed on enclosed Form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), or in other words prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due in association with filing of this Information Statement.

When this application is taken up for examination, it is respectfully requested that the enclosed documents be considered on the merits. Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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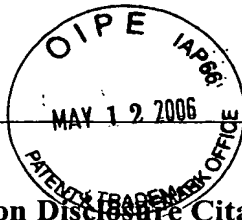


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	B	5,349,682	09/20/94	Rosenberry			
	C	5,481,668	01/02/96	Marcus			
	D	5,570,126	10/29/96	Blahut, et al.			
	E	5,734,837	03/31/98	Flores, et al.			
	F	5,748,884	05/05/98	Royce, et al.			
	G	5,848,198	12/8/98	Penn			
	H	5,848,393	12/08/98	Goodridge, et al.			
	I	5,926,824	07/20/99	Hashimoto			
	J	6,002,876	12/14/99	Davis, et al.			
	K	6,226,322	05/01/01	Mukherjee			
	L	6,278,462	08/21/01	Weil, et al.			
	M	6,317,648	11/13/01	Sleep, et al.			
	N	6,333,752	12/25/01	Hasegawa, et al.			
	O	6,370,575	04/09/02	Dougherty, et al.			

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	P	EP 0 828 214 A2	03/11/98	EPC			N/A	
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	R	Hollingsworth, "Workflow Management Coalition - The Workflow Reference Model", Issue 1.1, Workflow Management Coalition, Winchester, Hampshire, United Kingdom, January 19, 1995, 55 pages.
	S	Georgakopoulos, et al. "An Overview Of Workflow Management: From Process Modeling to Workflow Automation Infrastructure", Distributed and Parallel Databases, Vol. 3, pages 119-153, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston, Massachusetts, 1995.
	T	"OnSwitch--XML Based, Automated Web Image Processing," Datamation Product Watch (DPW), Jupitermedia Corp., Darien, Connecticut, August 11, 2000, 2 unnumbered pages.

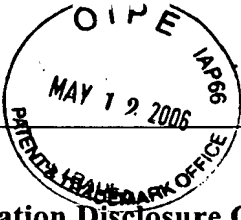
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	W	6,396,488	05/28/02	Simmons, et al.			
	X	6,441,913	08/27/02	Anabuki, et al.			
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LL	"User Guide - Adobe Photoshop 5.0," Adobe Systems Incorporated, San Jose, California. 1998, 2 title pages and pp. 13-22, 301-308, 347-358.
MM	"Image2web Lauches Onswitch; First-of-Its-Kind Internet Image and Data Infrastructure Solution", Business Wire, San Francisco, California, August 10, 2000, 2 unnumbered pages.
NN	Previato, et al. "Nile's Distributed Computing Site Architecture," University of Texas, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1997, pp. 1-4.

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